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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SHUM, UY  
SUBJECT: REPORTED TORTURE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS

REF: STATE 169060

1. EMBASSY IS AWARE OF HUMAN RIGHTS CASE OF RITA IBARBURU DE SUAREZ (OR IBARBOURU, AS IN REFTTEL), DOP: 23 SEPTEMBER 1915. FOLLOWING HER ARREST IN OCTOBER 1975, SHE WAS REPORTEDLY TAKEN TO ARTILLERY REGIMENT ONE HEADQUARTERS AND TORTURED. CURRENTLY SHE IS BELIEVE CONFINED IN PUNTA CARRETAS PRISON. TWO WEEKS AGO RUMORS THAT SHE HAD SUFFERED A FATAL HEART ATTACK PROMPTED THE BRITISH EMBASSY TO INQUIRE ABOUT HER TO COL. MAYNARD OF THE OFICINA CENTRAL DE INFORMACION DE PERSONAS. (OCIP). MAYNARD DENIED IN THE STRONGEST TERMS THAT HER HEALTH HAD SUFFERED DURING HER CURRENT CONFINEMENT. HE STATED THAT MRS. IBARBURU SUFFERED FROM A CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AND, BECAUSE OF THAT AND HER AGE, SHE HAD NOT BEEN REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN PRISON WORK PROGRAMS. IN ADDITION TO WOLA, THIS CASE IS OF INTEREST TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND THE P.E.N.

2. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO REPORTS FROM ANY SOURCE OF RECENT DEATHS UNDER TORTURE IN URUGUAYAN DETENTION CENTERS. WE WILL WISH TO EXPRESS STRONG EMBASSY INTEREST IN CASES OF  
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MENDEZ, PERDORNO, AMARO AND CABELLI BUT NEED ADDITIONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, ESPECIALLY THE FULL NAME (INCLUDING MATRONYMIC IF POSSIBLE) AND DATE OF BIRTH. IN ADDITION, WE SUSPECT "PERDORNO" -- WHICH IS VERY UNUSUAL SPANISH SURNAME -- MAY BE TYPO AND THATE "PERDOMO" WAS INTENDED. WILL APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION.

3. WE PRESUME WOLA REPORT ALLEGES DEATH IN LIBERTAD  
PRISON AFTER MISTREATMENT ELSEWHERE. ALL INFORMATION  
AVAILABLE HERE INDICATES THAT MISTREATMENT OCCURS AT MILITARY  
OR POLICE INTERROGATION CENTERS AND THAT WORST IS GENERALLY  
OVER WHEN DETAINEES HAVE "GRADUATED" TO RELATIVE SAFETY OF  
LIBERTAD, WHICH IS REASONABLY MODERN FORMAL PRISON FACILITY.  
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